

DIVISION of STATE HISTORY
UTAH
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Division of State History connects Utah citizens and visitors to the past in order to create a sound, dynamic present and future.

Our work enhances quality of life and economic strength. It broadens understanding between diverse groups. It helps preserve and revitalize irreplaceable sites, buildings, and neighborhoods. And it connects individuals with their heritage.

In FY 2005, the Division of State History:

Helped communities grow stronger by preserving and capitalizing on heritage resources.

- We administered \$88,900 in grants to aid local preservation efforts. These projects revitalized commercial areas, re-used underutilized buildings, and stimulated reinvestment.
- We helped projects totaling \$57.9 million work through the tax credit process. These projects increased local jobs, created higher property values, and increased community livability.
- We awarded and administered \$73,800 in grants to local Statewide Archaeological Society chapters, cemeteries, and local historical organizations, supporting projects that preserve and interpret history.

Facilitated private and public projects statewide.

- We maintain a Geographic Information System database for archaeologists. All archaeologists for BLM, UDOT, NRCS, DWR, and State Trust Lands now have live access to the GIS database. We are working to enlarge the database and expand access to it.
- We consulted on 2,593 projects affecting archaeological sites and 387 projects affecting historical sites. We helped agencies and developers find creative, win-win mitigation solutions.
- Working with Native American tribes, governments of four states, and Congress, we facilitated the creation of and groundbreaking for interpretive centers at Four Corners and Monument Valley.
- In cooperation with other state agencies the Division helped create an interim management plan for Range Creek Canyon.
- We advised building owners throughout the state on the most effective ways to maintain and restore buildings.

Helped connect thousands of Utahns with the past:

- Working with State Archives, we opened and operate the new Utah History Research Center for an ever-growing number of users.
- Our educational, content-rich websites received 23,314,284 hits during the fiscal year. Separately, our Cemeteries and Burials database, with 400,000 records, receives 1,000,000 hits per month.
- Our widely respected publications, *Utah Historical Quarterly*, *Utah Preservation*, and *History Currents*, connect several different audiences to history, including our core membership, public library patrons, teachers and students, Utah Heritage Foundation members, museum visitors, and more.
- We worked with other agencies and the media to communicate about the priceless resources of Range Creek.
- We partnered with the Utah Humanities Council to provide grants for oral histories.
- We worked with and supported 171 heritage partners statewide.
- Prehistory Week, the Annual Meeting, workshops, and presentations educated diverse audiences.
- Our support of the Utah History Fair helped thousands of public school students to be involved in history.

The Utah Division of State History / Utah State Historical Society serves the citizens of Utah by helping to make history accessible, exciting, and relevant—and integral to the economy and culture of the state.